



Tuesday, February 25, 2014
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Approval of Minutes

Subject A. Approval of Minutes from the February 11, 2014 meeting
Meeting Feb 25, 2014 - ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Category 1. Approval of Minutes
Access Public
Type

File Attachments
[2-11-2014.pdf \(209 KB\)](#)

2. A Resolution Approving An Agreement With Steven J. Rickman To Purchase Ten Lots

Subject A. Resolution To Purchase Ten Lots and Establish Oak Haven Park Using CDBG Funds
Meeting Feb 25, 2014 - ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Category 2. A Resolution Approving An Agreement With Steven J. Rickman To Purchase Ten Lots
Access Public
Type Action

File Attachments
[2-25-2014 - Agreement with Steven J Rickman to Purchase Ten Contiguous Lots.pdf \(68 KB\)](#)

3. GDOT Grant

Subject A. Resolution to Support Submission of a GDOT Gateway Grant for Pio Nono / Rocky Creek Intersection of I-75
Meeting Feb 25, 2014 - ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Category 3. GDOT Grant
Access Public
Type Action
Recommended Action Approval

File Attachments

2-25-14- Gateway Grant.pdf (513 KB)

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

February 11, 2014

The Economic and Community Development Committee was called to order by Commissioner Schlesinger, Chairman of the Committee.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Ed DeFore
 Commissioner Elaine Lucas
 Commissioner Larry Schlesinger
 Commissioner Al Tillman
 Commissioner Virgil Watkins

NEWS MEDIA:

Jim Gaines, The Telegraph
 Katelyn Heck, 13 WMAZ

VISITORS/GUESTS:

Mark Stevens, Macon Mall
 Adah Roberts
 Sheriff David Davis
 Chief Marvin Riggins

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mayor Robert A. B. Reichert
 Mayor Pro Tem Bert Bivins
 Commissioner Gary Bechtel
 Commissioner Mallory Jones
 Commissioner Scotty Shepherd
 Dale Walker, County Manager
 Charles Coney, Asst. County Manager
 Steve Layson, Asst. County Manager
 Chris Floore, Assistant to the County Manager
 Julie Moore, Assistant to the County Manager
 Judd Drake, County Attorney
 Shelia Thurmond, Clerk of the Commission
 Jean Howard, Asst. Clerk
 Janice Ross, Training and Events Coordinator
 Stuart Morelli, Asst. County Attorney
 Chief Marvin Riggins, Fire Department
 Doug Furney, Director, Tobesofkee
 Dale Dougherty, Recreation Director

1. Approval of Minutes from January 28, 2014.

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner DeFore and carried unanimously with Commissioners Schlesinger, Tillman and Lucas voting in the affirmative, the minutes of January 28, 2014 were approved.

2. Resolution Recognizing Ingleside Baptist Church for Honoring Commissioners

Commissioner Jones stated that he had requested this resolution to thank Ingleside Baptist for their kind invitation. Mayor Reichert stated that Dr. Tim McCoy would be attending the February 18, 2014 meeting to render the prayer and that the Resolution would be presented to him at that time. Mayor Reichert stated that if it was the desire of the Commission, this item would be moved to the Consent Agenda.

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Watkins with Commissioners Schlesinger, Tillman and Lucas voting in the affirmative, the resolution recognizing Ingleside Baptist Church was approved and moved to the February 18, 2014 consent agenda.

3. Resolution to Request the Adoption of a Local Act of the General Assembly Establishing a Community Improvement District Along Eisenhower Parkway Between Interstate 75 and Interstate 475.

Chairman Schlesinger invited Mark Stevens to address the resolution. Mr. Stevens stated that this would be the first community improvement district for Macon although there are 17 already established in the State. He has the support of Walmart, Sams and Target shopping centers. This tax would exclude residential dwellings. The Board of Election would administer the vote. Mr. Stephens continued that the funds collected would be used to eliminate blight and improve the entranceway from the Interstate to downtown Macon. This area presently serves as a gateway to Mercer and Middle Georgia State College and should make a positive first impression. Commissioner Watkins stated that the state will call for the vote and will collect the millage rate. Mr. Stephens continued the scheduled time frame includes having the vote completed so as to be part of the tax digest which must be submitted by July 1, 2014. Mr. Drake stated that it will be the responsibility of the County Attorney's office to submit the signed resolution to the State Legislature for action. Mayor Reichert suggested amending the resolution to include the area around Eisenhower Parkway on the West side of Interstate 475.

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Watkins with Commissioners Schlesinger, Tillman and Lucas voting in the affirmative, the resolution to Request the Adoption of a Local Act of the General Assembly Establishing a Community Improvement District Along Eisenhower Parkway Between Interstate 75 and Interstate 475 was amended to add "including the area around Eisenhower Parkway on the West Side of Interstate 475."

ACTION:

On motion of Commissioner DeFore, seconded by Commissioner Watkins with Commissioners Schlesinger, Tillman and Lucas voting in the affirmative, the resolution to Request the Adoption of a Local Act of the General Assembly Establishing a Community Improvement District Along Eisenhower Parkway Between Interstate 75 and Interstate 475 was approved as amended.

4. Recreation Master Plan and Senior Citizens Center

Dale Dougherty, Director of Recreation, reviewed the improvements to the various recreation centers made possible by the passage of the 2011 SPLOST. The improvements are as follows:

Work Currently Being Done:		Future RFP's or BID Acceptance Stage	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roofs• Floors• Bleachers• Goal Systems• Security Systems• Scoreboards• HVAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tennis Centers• Central City Park• Community Parks• Swimming Pool Resurfacing• Senior Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Architect: RFQ bids due in Feb. 27th• Lighting: Recreation Center/Gym's - RFP due on Mar. 4th• Painting of all buildings - (Interior and exterior)• Flooring Repair (Lobby/Hallways/etc...)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Replacing all Water Heaters• Replacing Exterior Doors & Locks• Replacing Restroom Fixtures & Partitions• Ball Field Lighting

After Mr. Dougherty's presentation, Commissioner Lucas asked that he update the Commission on a regular basis.

There being no further business and on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Shelia Thurmond, CCC
Clerk of the Board

SPONSOR: MAYOR ROBERT A.B. REICHERT

A RESOLUTION OF THE MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH STEVEN J. RICKMAN TO PURCHASE TEN CONTIGUOUS LOTS WITHIN THE BORDER OF OAK HAVEN AVENUE, ENGLISH AVENUE, AND MAILEY AVENUE FOR \$177,000.00 USING CBDG FUNDS AND APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC PARK ON SAID PROPERTY TO BE KNOWN AS OAK HAVEN PARK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Macon-Bibb County wishes to preserve existing green space property located within the border of Oak Haven Avenue, English Avenue, and Mailey Avenue for use as a public park to be known as "Oak Haven Park" and has negotiated a Purchase and Sale Agreement for said property at its appraised value of \$177,000.00 (the "Agreement"), subject to commission approval; and

WHEREAS, the Macon-Bibb County Commission finds that approval of the Agreement and the use of CBDG funds for said purchase is in the best interest of Macon-Bibb County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Macon-Bibb County Commission and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of the same that the Purchase and Sale Agreement between Macon-Bibb County and Stephen J. Rickman is approved in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and the Mayor is authorized to take any and all actions necessary for the purchase; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Macon-Bibb County Commission that the use of CBDG funds for said purchase is hereby authorized, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Macon-Bibb County Commission that the establishment of a public park on said property to be known as Oak Haven Park is hereby approved and the Mayor is authorized to take any and all actions necessary for the establishment of Oak Haven Park.

SO RESOLVED this _____ day of _____, 2014.

ROBERT A. B. REICHERT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

SHEILA THURMOND, CLERK OF COMMISSION

(SEAL)

A RESOLUTION OF THE MACON-BIBB COUNTY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF GATEWAY GRANT TO OBTAIN FUNDS FOR THE MOWING AND MAINTENANCE OF ROADSIDE AREAS AND MEDIAN STRIPS LOCATED WITHIN THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT OF WAY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the roadside areas and median strips located within the Georgia Department of Transportation right of way must be maintained and attractively landscaped; and

WHEREAS, Macon-Bibb County beautifies and improves various rights of way throughout Bibb County by landscaping, mowing, and maintaining said areas; and

WHEREAS, the Macon-Bibb County Commission wishes to apply for a GATEway Grant from the Georgia Department of Transportation, and if awarded, to enter into a Mowing and Maintenance Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Macon-Bibb County Commission, and it is hereby so resolved by the authority of the same that the submission of a GATEway Grant is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon award of said grant, Macon-Bibb County shall enter into a Mowing and Maintenance Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor or his designee shall be authorized to take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the purposes and requirements of this Resolution.

SO RESOLVED this ____ day of February, 2014.

ROBERT A. B. REICHERT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

SHEILA THURMON, CLERK OF COMMISSION

(SEAL)

GATEway Project Description

Macon - Bibb is now a consolidated government. While this officially began in January of 2014, the planning has been ongoing for the past year. The City of Macon established a GATEway committee to begin looking at all the Interstate interchanges within Bibb County. Priority interchanges were identified and the Pio Nono and I-75 Interchange is on the top of the list. The reason this Interchange was identified is the high volume of visitor traffic that access a major industrial park and those that utilize Highway 247 (Pio Nono) to reach the Warner Robbins Air Force Base. A GATEway grant would allow Macon - Bibb to create an attractive and welcoming entrance at this interchange.

While this intersection is mowed there are no trees throughout a majority of the interchange and no sense of arrival or welcome. The proposed work for this GATEway is the installation of hardwood trees, ornamental trees and some evergreen trees to create a planned and attractive entrance. The Mayor of Macon-Bibb has pledged to plant as many trees as possible within the County area.

Specifically, the project area is the entrance and exit ramps of I-75 and Pio Nono and will include planting crape myrtle for the attractive summer flowers at all points of entrance and along Pio Nono. The hardwood species will be planted in the open areas along all ramps with all trees being planted behind the 42' required clear area. The only area proposed to be thinned is the ramp the heads south on I - 75. The left side of this ramp is messy and needs to be cleared of weed species and evergreen planting and crape myrtle are proposed to screen unattractive development adjacent to the Right of Way. Currently on the east side of Pio Nono there is a dirt path worn by numerous walkers. It is proposed that sidewalks along this stretch of road be included in the GATEway project.

The GATEway grant and the improvement of the Interchange is key to the beginning of a comprehensive effort to enhance the visitor experience all along Highway 247 leading to the Sofkee Industrial Park. With leadership from Macon Works and the Macon-Bibb Industrial Authority all housed in the Macon Chamber of Commerce, Inspection and Fees, Planning and Zoning, local businesses in the area, and Macon-Bibb maintenance crews will work to resolve problems with non-compliant buildings and signage and issues with trash.

Request: \$50,000 for landscaping and sidewalk repair.

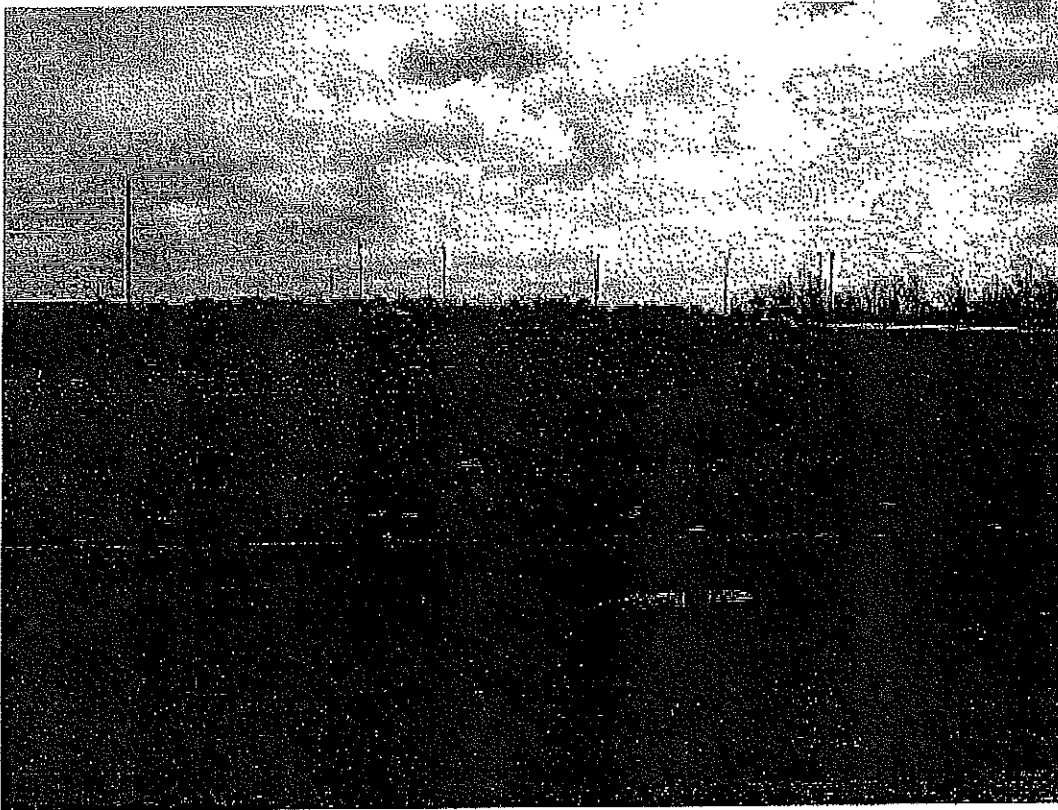


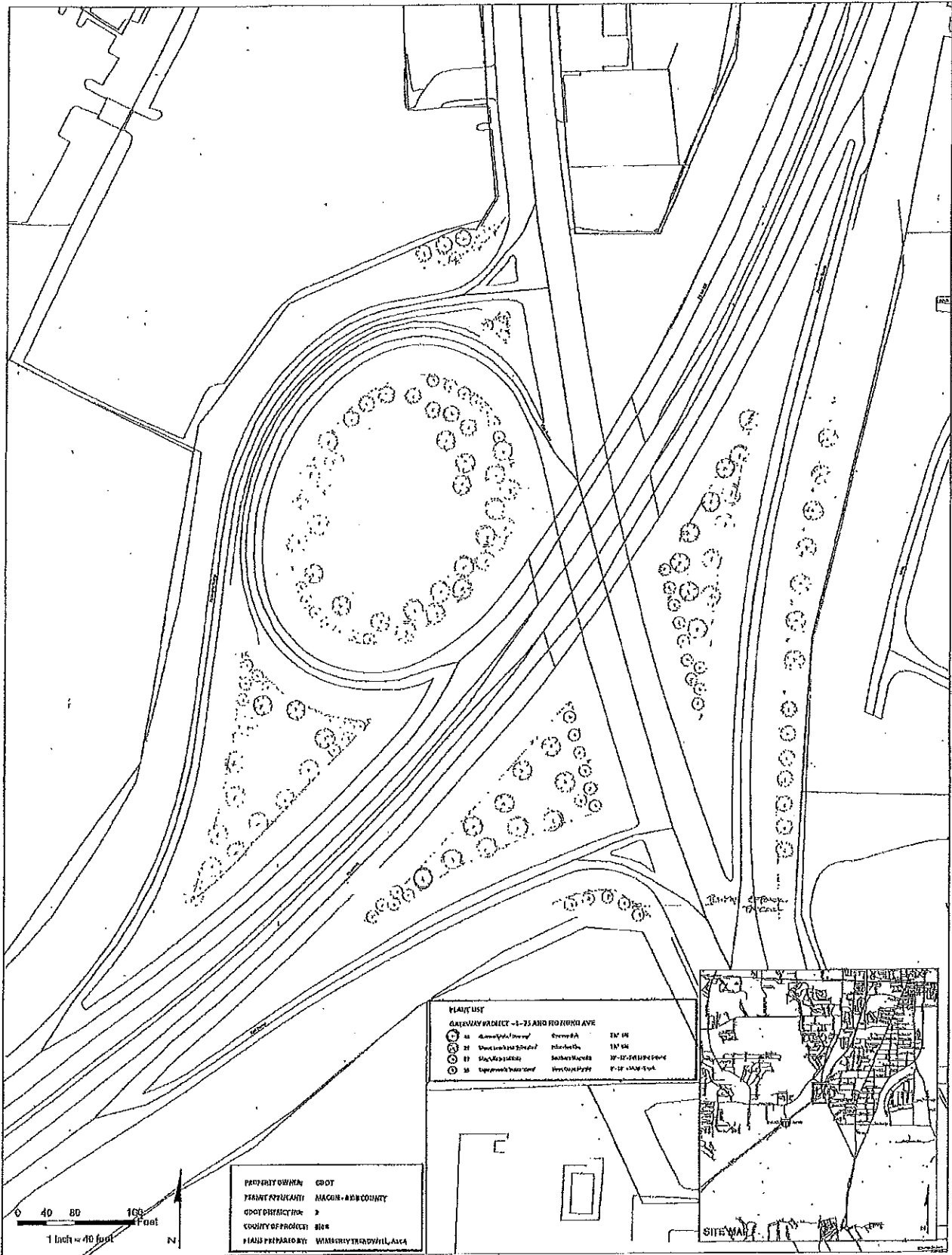
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Pio Nono and Rocky Creek Road at I-75.





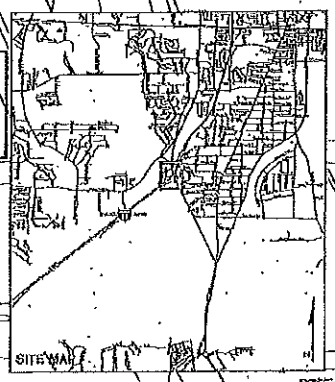
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PROPERTY OWNER: CDDT
 PERMIT APPLICANT: MACON-ANNE COUNTY
 CDDT DISTRICT: 2
 COUNTY OF PROJECT: MA
 PLANS PREPARED BY: WIMBERLY THORNTON, AIA

PLANT USE
 GATEWAY RADCLIFF - 4-25 AND FORDING AVE

16'	American Elm	Green 8A	18" 16"
18'	Dogwood	Green 8B	18" 16"
17'	Sugar Maple	Green 8C	18" 12" 14" 16" 18"
18'	European Beech	Green 8D	18" 12" 14" 16" 18"



SITE MAP